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TAGS: OVIP (EARL BUTZ)

SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ

1. GOS HAS PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY BUTZ WHICH DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THAT WORKED OUT EARLIER BETWEEN MFA AND EMBOFFS. OBVIOUS THAT GOS NOW WISHES TREAT THIS AS VERY HIGH LEVEL VISIT AND PROVIDE SECRETARY ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT AND HOSPITALITY.

2. GOS INVITES SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF PARTY STAY AT GUEST LODGE AND VILLA ON GROUNDS OF ISTANA (PRESIDENTIAL PALACE). GUEST HOUSES CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 6 IN 3 DOUBLE ROOMS. SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ WOULD PRESUMABLY BE SOLE OCCUPANTS OF LODGE. THESE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE VERY PLEASANT AND SAME OCCUPIED BY V.P. ROCKEFELLER AND SOME MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY DURING RECENT VISIT. HOWEVER, THEIR USE CREATES SOME DIFFICULTIES IN LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING THIS VISIT, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT LONGER THAN ROCKEFELLER VISIT. ALSO, THERE IS POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT TO USG OVER USE OF THESE QUARTERS AS WE CANNOT RECIPROCATATE IN U.S. AT THE LEVEL OF HOSPITALITY OFFERED HERE. REQUEST SECRETARY'S DECISION SOONEST ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT THIS GOS OFFER.

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3. TWO VEHICLES WILL BE PROVIDED BY GOS TO SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ

THROUGHOUT STAY. PERSONAL SECURITY GUARDS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY GOS. THEY WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ EVERYWHERE OFF ISTANA GROUNDS AND RIDE IN LEFT FRONT SEAT OF VEHICLES. POLICE ESCORT ALSO PROVIDED. REALIZE THERE IS POSSIBLE OVERLAP WITH 3 SECURITY MEN IN PARTY, HOWEVER GOS INSISTS IT TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY MEASURES AND SUGGESTS AGRICULTURE SECURITY MEN RIDE IN BACKUP VEHICLE. GOS CONSIDERING PROVIDING A BACKUP VEHICLE, BUT IT MAY HAVE TO BE RENTAL CAR.

4. FOLLOWING IS REVISED SCHEDULE WITH STATUS OF ARRANGEMENTS INDICATED.

(A) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 A.M. MET AT PAYA LEBAR BY MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MRS. LIM KIM SAN AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HOLDRIDGE. SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF PARTY WOULD MOTORCADE TO ISTANA ACCOMMODATIONS, OTHERS BY MINIBUS TO SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

12:30 P.M. SECRETARY PAYS COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.
WIVES' LUNCHEON AT RESTAURANT WITH MRS. HOLDRIDGE.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

1:30 P.M. PRIVATE LUNCHEON FOR SECRETARY AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF PARTY BY GOS AT ISTANA VILLA. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTS EMBASSY BRIEFING CAN BE PROVIDED OVER LUNCH.
STATUS - CONFIRMED, IF INVITATION TO USE ISTANA ACCOMMODATIONS ACCEPTED.

2:30 P.M. OPTIONAL CITY AND SHOPPING TOUR BY BUS FOR THOSE STAYING AT SHANGRI-LA.

3:30 P.M. SECRETARY CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

6:00-7:30 P.M. AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR SECRETARY AT RESIDENCE.
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STATUS - CONFIRMED.

8:00 P.M. DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT PENTHOUSE NEGARA (TOP OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUILDING).
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

(B) THURSDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AT SHANGRI-LA

FOR SECRETARY AND SEVERAL OTHERS WITH SINGAPORE GRAIN TRADERS.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

9:00 A.M. AGRICULTURE ATTACHE CONFERENCE OPENS.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

9:30 A.M. HARBOUR TOUR FOR WIVES.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

12:00 WORKING LUNCH.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

1:30-4:00 P.M. VISIT TO GOS PIG PROJECT AT PONGGOL CONDUCTED BY
DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT. STRONGLY URGE SECRETARY
BUTZ MAKE THIS VISIT AS GOS WISHES MAKE VIP ARRANGEMENTS.
MRS. BUTZ OPTIONAL.
STATUS - UNCONFIRMED.

4:30 P.M. PRESS CONFERENCE.
STATUS - UNCONFIRMED.

5:00-6:30 P.M. ADDRESS TO AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL MEMBERS.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.

8:00 P.M. CHINESE DINNER AT HILTON HOSTED BY SINGAPORE
GRAIN TRADERS.
STATUS - CONFIRMED.
FOR WIVES, OPTIONAL DINNER AND SIGHTSEEING.
STATUS - UNCONFIRMED.

(C) FRIDAY, APRIL 23.
A.M. DEPARTURE FROM PAYA LEBAR AIRPORT.
MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WILL SEE SECRETARY OFF.
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